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Title: NUCLEUS PROSTHESIS, THE	§	
INSERTION DEVICE THEREFOR AND	§	
THE METHOD OF FITTING SAME	§	
FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL	§	
LINKING DEVICE	§	
	§	Examiner: pending
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Applicant: Fortin et al .	§	GA No.: pending
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Dear Sir:

Together with the enclosed filing papers, Applicant requests that the following amendments be made to the claims *before calculating the fees due for such application.*

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims 3-6 and 11 as follows: